

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (original): A method of retrieving an electronic
2 message from a server (2) using a terminal device (1), the
3 message (20) comprising a header (21) and a body (22)
4 capable of containing characters, the method comprising the
5 steps of:

- 6 • establishing a communications link (6) between the
7 server and the terminal device,
- 8 • the server transmitting the header (21) and the first N
9 characters (24) of the body to the terminal device,
10 where N is a predetermined integer, while holding back
11 any attachments (23),
- 12 • the server transmitting a flag (30) indicative of any
13 remaining characters (24) of the body and/or any
14 attachments (23) to the terminal device.

1 Claim 2 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein
2 the flag (30) comprises a first flag (31) indicative of any
3 remaining characters and a second flag (32) indicative of
4 any attachments (23).

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1
2 or 2, comprising the further step of:
3 • the terminal device (1) requesting, in response to the
4 flag (30), the server (2) to transmit a further P
5 characters (24) and/or a selected attachment (23).

1 Claim 4 (currently amended): The method according to
2 claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the integer N is determined by the
3 server.

1 Claim 5 (currently amended): The method according to ~~any of~~
2 ~~the preceding claims~~ claim 4, wherein the server (2) erases
3 the message after transmitting if there is no remaining text
4 and no attachments.

1 Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to ~~any of~~
2 ~~the preceding claims~~ claim 5, wherein the server (2) retains
3 the message if any remaining text or any attachments are not
4 yet transmitted.

1 Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to ~~any of~~
2 ~~the preceding claims~~ claim 6, wherein the server (2) stores
3 messages in a mailbox having a limited capacity, and wherein
4 a partially transmitted messages is erased if additional
5 mailbox capacity is required.

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to ~~any of~~
2 ~~the preceding claims~~ claim 7, wherein the terminal device (1)
3 is a mobile handset or a PDA.

1 Claim 9 (original): A system (10) for retrieving electronic
2 messages, the system comprising a server (2) and a terminal
3 device (1), wherein the messages (20) comprise a header (21)
4 and a body (22) capable of containing characters, the server
5 and the terminal device being capable of establishing a
6 communications link (6), wherein

- 7 • the server is arranged for transmitting the header (21)
- 8 and the first N characters (24) of the body to the

9 terminal device, where N is a predetermined integer,
10 while holding back any remaining characters and any
11 attachments,
12 • the server is arranged for transmitting a flag
13 indicative of any remaining characters (24) of the body
14 and any attachments (23) to the terminal device.

1 Claim 10 (original): The system according to claim 9,
2 wherein the flag (30) comprises a first flag (31) indicative
3 of any remaining characters (24) and a second flag (32)
4 indicative of any attachments (23).

1 Claim 11 (currently amended): The system according to
2 claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein the terminal device (1) is arranged
3 for requesting, in response to the flag (30), the server (2)
4 to send a further P characters (24) and/or a selected
5 attachment (23).

1 Claim 12 (currently amended): A terminal device (1) for use
2 in the system (10) of ~~claims 9-11~~ claim 9, the terminal
3 device being capable of:
4 • establishing a communications link (6) with a
5 server (2),
6 • receiving the header (21) and the first N characters of
7 the body (22) of a message (20), and
8 • receiving a flag (30) indicative of any remaining
9 characters of the body (22) and any attachments (23) to
10 the terminal device,
11 which terminal device (1) is arranged for requesting, in
12 response to the flag, the server to send a further P
13 characters and/or a selected attachment.

1 Claim 13 (original): The terminal device according to
2 claim 12, arranged for mobile telephony.